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1. LEAVE: The flying personnel of the Division, both officer and enlisted, were given forty-five days leave annually, while the non-flying officers and men were allowed only thirty days. Most of the leaves were granted during fall, spring and winter, inasmuch as most of the flying was done during the summer, when the weather was good.
2. LIBERTY: Officers were given liberty every evening after working hours, but as a rule five evenings a week were taken up with political meetings, classes and discussions, at which attendance was compulsory, so that in practice they had only two evenings a week for their own use. Enlisted personnel were given four or five hour passes several times a week, and were also compelled to take part in extra-curricular political activities.
3. RECREATION: Married personnel spent most of their free time at home, occasionally attending a movie in GDYNIA. For unmarried personnel, the main forms of recreation were drinking, attending the movies or theater or taking walks with girls in GDYNIA. The most popular place in GDYNIA was the Central Hotel and Restaurant on KASZUBSKA Square, which was frequented mostly by sailors of the Navy and Merchant Marine. This was the center of prostitution in the city, although officially it had been abolished and prostitutes were punished if caught. Prices ranged from thirty to one hundred zloty.

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4. QUARTERS: Quarters were furnished for bachelors and most of the married personnel with their families at OKSYWIE Airfield. A few of the married officers had apartments in nearby towns because of the crowded conditions in the quarters on the airfield. A family with one child was assigned a one room apartment and a family with two children was given two rooms. Flying personnel did not receive special consideration in the assignment of quarters.
5. RATIONS: Flying personnel received double rations at all meals. The same menu was served to both flying and non-flying personnel, except that at breakfast and supper the former were given either eggs or ground meat balls in addition to the regular menu. On days when flights were to be made, flying personnel received either cocoa or chocolate in addition to their regular rations. Meals were free for flying officers while non-flying officers had to pay 250 zloty per month. A sample menu is as follows:

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Dinner</u>	<u>Supper</u>
Bread	Soup	Bread
Butter	Potatoes	Butter
Coffee	Meat	Coffee
Potatoes	Vegetables	Potatoes
Eggs or ground	(summer only)	Meat
meat balls (flying	Dessert	
personnel only)	Bread	
	Butter	
	Coffee	

6. MEDICAL TREATMENT: Three doctors and one dentist treated minor ailments in the Division Sick Bay at OKSYWIE Airfield. More serious cases were sent to the main naval hospital at OLIWA. Source had visited both installations for brief periods and was of the opinion that the medical treatment was adequate. Personnel of the Division were given prophylactic kits marked "Made in USA" with instructions printed in French and English. In each of the near-by towns there were prophylactic stations where service personnel could get prophylactic treatment or an injection for inebritation without registering their names. There was an average of fifteen cases of venereal disease in the Division in a year. Contracting a venereal disease was not punished.
7. PAY: The amount of pay received by the pilots and navigators in the Division was based on eight variable factors. These were: rank; assignment in unit; marital status; number of children; if married, whether or not wife had a job; number of hours of night or bad weather flights; if a pilot, instrument rating; length of service. Approximate average monthly earnings for a chrazy would be 725 to 800 zloty; for a podporucznik, 850 zloty; for a porucznik, 930 zloty; for a kapitan, 1,000 to 1,100 zloty. Service personnel received 45 zloty per month for each child, 60 to 70 per month if married, unless the wife had a job, and 5% of base pay for each five years in the service. Flying personnel received 100 zloty for each hour of night or bad weather flight.
8. MORALE: It was the opinion of source that because of strict military and political discipline, the lack of free time, the restrictions on church attendance, and poor living conditions, ninety percent of the enlisted men and sixty percent of the officers were dissatisfied with the present regime and their lives in the service. While there was no regulation against

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attending church, the unit political officer usually arranged for some other activity during church services so that personnel could not attend. Another factor contributing to dissatisfaction was the low regard which the civilians had for flying personnel because it was generally believed that all fliers were ardent Communists and because of their bad conduct in public places. [redacted]

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[redacted] in the event of war the same percentages of officers and men as were noted above would try to desert either to join the western forces or to become partisans.

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9. WOMEN IN THE POLISH NAVY: [redacted] two women who were actually members of the Polish Navy. These two were doctors who were stationed at the Naval hospital near OLIWA. There were many women who worked for the Navy as typists, mechanics, nurses, cooks, switchboard operators, etc. They were not members of the service, but civilian employees.

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